

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING  
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS**

**1511 Pontiac Avenue, Bldg 70, 2nd Floor Conference Room**

**Cranston, RI 02920**

**Tuesday, September 18, 2012**

**9:00am**

**In attendance:**

**Anthony Cardarelli**

**Larry Giorgi**

**Jeffrey Hutton**

**Richard Mandarini**

**William J. Riley, Chair**

**Lionel Bernardino, Michael Newman and Michael Raposa were not in attendance.**

**Also in attendance were E. Patrick Luther, Chief Plumbing Investigator; Ron DiAmbruoso, Administrator; Joseph Degnan, Assistant Director and Benjamin Copple, Legal Counsel.**

**1.) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:12am by William J. Riley.**

**2.) Approval of Minutes: Anthony Cardarelli made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting of August 21, 2012; seconded by Richard Manarini and passed unanimously by the Board.**

**Items 3 & 5 were addressed at the same time.**

**3.) Conflict of Interest:**

**5.) Department Board Trainings:**

**Benjamin Copple, Legal Counsel, informed Board members that they are subject to Ethics law. Mr. Copple also informed the Board of an upcoming training for board members on September 24, 2012 from 8:30am to 12:00pm. Topics will include Ethics, conflicts of interest, Open Meetings law, Administrative Law and Robert's Rules of Order. All board members are encouraged to attend.**

**4.) Apprentice Approvals: Apprentice Approvals - Apprentice Registrations 8-21-12 thru 9-18-12. .**

**„X Keith Fitzpatrick Tom Peters, MP001676**

**„X Michael Haigh Greg Golombowski, MP002121**

**„X Matt Chamagne Bill Schwegler, MP001466**

**„X Shawn Swallow Bill Schwegler, MP001466**

**„X Seth Perry John Phillips, MP001592**

**„X Jeffrey Hoague Jim Sine, MP000625**

**Richard Mandarinini made a motion to approve the apprentice approvals / registrations; seconded by Jeffrey Hutton and passed unanimously by the Board.**

**6.) Policies & Procedures for enforcement of RIGL 5-20: Ron DiAmbruoso, Administrator; and Joseph Degnan, Assistant Director, addressed the Board regarding enforcement of RIGL 5-20. Mr. DiAmbruoso encouraged board members to attend the training on 9/24/12. Mr. DiAmbruoso noted the following regarding violations and recommendations made by the Board: Conflicts of interest and recusal; Board members should consider all information when voting; Consistency in recommendations/decisions; and that no one board member should dictate the outcome of a recommendation.**

**Jeffrey Hutton asked Benjamin Copple, Legal Counsel, about recusal.**

**Mr. Copple recommended Mr. Hutton ask the Ethics Commission at the upcoming training on 9/24/12.**

**Mr. Hutton also inquired if the attorney present could point out the law in cases before the Board before the case is heard.**

**Joseph Degnan, Assistant Director, recommends the board have more discussion on the record before making decisions. Mr. Copple noted that this would help explain the Board's rationale for their decision.**

**E. Patrick Luther recommends the board slow hearings down and not rush through motions to get more information on the record. This would again help explain the board's rationale.**

**Benjamin Copple informs the board of the importance of their role when making recommendations to the Director. They have the ability to see the individual before them. They have an advisory role to the Director and provide recommendations to the Director on the matters brought before them.**

**Mr. Copple noted that the Department should look at the regulations for all trades and the possibility of subcommittees to do so. Mr. Copple noted it may be helpful to define terms in the law and put those definitions in the regulations to help the Department in define terms in the law and put those definitions in the regulations to help the Department in decisions.**

**It was recommended that they Board be informed of any decisions or recommendations that are overturned by the Department or by the Director.**

**Consistency in the Board's recommendations was stressed.**

**7.) Adjournment: Larry Giorgi made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Jeffrey Hutton and passed unanimously by the Board. The meeting adjourned at 9:59am.**

**The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 9:00am.**